



2019 General Assembly Mission Projects

Afghans and Blankets

We are making blankets/afghans for children and senior citizens as one of our Mission Projects. These blankets will be given to nursing homes, Child Saving Institute in Omaha, NE, and to Department of Human Services in Iowa to be given to those in need.

We are inviting people to make blankets between now and the beginning of the General Assembly and bring them to the mission booth at the assembly.

Crochet & Knit: Crocheted and knitted afghans should be around 35 by 40 inches or square. They can be a little larger for older children and youth.

There will also be a location you can come to during the assembly to get some yarn, pattern and crochet hooks to make one during the assembly.

Fleece: We also plan to be making tie fleece blankets during the assembly and you are welcome to make some of those at your local churches and bring them with you as well. Fleece blankets should be around 1 ½ yds long.

If you have questions about this project you can contact the coordinator Rev. JoAnn Thomas at First Christian Church, Spencer, IA phone 712-262-2945 or by email at revthomasga77@gmail.com.

(Six sample crochet patterns/instructions begin on following page.)

Instructions

The easiest way to find patterns for these is to look for baby afghan patterns for your basic guide and adjust the pattern to get the desired size. This would be true for both knitted and Crocheted afghans.

Sample Crochet Patterns: Each pattern uses 4-ply worsted weight yarn and an N (10mm) size hook. These afghans will probably take about 40 to 50 ounces of yarn but all of them could be made as scrap afghans just using up those odds and ends you have around the house making them colorful and pretty!

Abbreviations

Ch=chain

sc= single crochet

dc = double crochet

dc cluster = 3 dc in same stitch or space

hdc = half double crochet

sl st = slip stitch

Afghan 1

Chain 96

Row 1: 2 dc in the 4th chain from the hook, *skip 1 ch, 2 dc in next ch* repeat across entire row ending with a dc in the last ch, turn.

Row 2: Ch 3 skip the first dc and dc twice into the space between the next group of 2dcs. *Go to the next group of 2 dcs and dc twice into the space between* repeat until the end of the row ending with a dc in the last dc.

Repeat row 2 until the afghans is the desire length. Bind off and weave in ends.

Feel free to change colors at the end of the rows using as many colors as you like or complete the afghan all the same color.

Afghan 2

Ch 100

Row 1: in second ch from hook sc *dc in next stitch and sc in next stitch* across the foundation chain ending with a sc. Turn.

Row 2: ch 3 dc in first sc stitch and *sc in next stitch dc in next stitch across ending with a dc. Turn.

Row 3: ch 1 sc in first dc *sc in next st and dc in next stitch across ending with a dc. Turn

Continue rows 2 & 3 until you reach the desired length. Fasten off yarn.

This afghan can be made out of one color of yarn or you can change colors of yarn at the end of rows as desired.

Afghan 3: Granny Square

Round 1: Using your first color, ch 3. 2 dc into the first ch, ch 1. *dc cluster into the same stitch, ch 1* 3 times. Sl st to the top of the beginning ch. You will have four dc clusters and 4 ch 1 spaces at the end of this round.

Round 2: Sl st in the next two stitches and into ch 1 space. Ch 2, 2 dc into the same ch 1 space. Ch 1, dc cluster into the same ch 1 space. *dc cluster, ch 1, dc cluster in the next ch 1 space* around. Sl st to the top of the first ch 2. At the end of this round you should have 8 dc clusters and 4 ch 1 spaces.

Round 3: Sl st in the next two stitches and into the ch 1 space. Ch 2, 2 dc into the same ch 1 space. Ch 1, dc cluster into the same ch 1 space. Dc cluster into the space between the clusters on the previous round. *dc cluster, ch 1, dc cluster in the next ch 1 space. dc cluster into the space between the clusters on the previous row* around. Sl st to the top of the first ch 2. At the end of this round you should have 12 dc clusters and 4 ch 1 spaces.



For all of the remaining rounds of this granny square pattern, you will be continuing in the same manner. You will work two double crochet clusters into each corner, with a ch 1 in between them. You will work 1 dc cluster into each space between the clusters in the previous round.

When it's time to change colors, cut your first color and weave ends. Join your second color in any of the ch 1 spaces. You will then continue the same pattern with the next color.

Continue rounds until you have reached your desired size and then add the border

Border:

Round 1: hdc around the entire blanket working 3 hdc into each corner stitch. Cut yarn

Round 2: You'll now be working a picot edging. Join yarn using a slip stitch *sc in the next five stitches, ch 3, hdc in the first chain* around. I like to have a picot in each corner so I fiddle with the stitches between picots to make that happen.

Afghan 4

Chain 98

Row 1: in the 4th chain from hook double crochet, then dc in every chain across, turn.

Row 2: ch 1 *single crochet in space between double crochets (from previous row), repeat from * across, turn. (94 stitches)

Row 3: ch 3, dc in first sc stitch, then dc in remaining sc stitches across row, turn. (94 stitches)

Continue rows 2 & 3 until you reach the desired length.

This afghan can be made out of one color or you can change colors as you desire throughout the afghan.

Afghan 5: Granny Square Stripe Blanket – this is an excellent scrape yarn afghan

Ch 101

Row 1: work 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook Continue working sc's into each chain till the end. Turn

Row 2: ch 3, then work 1 dc into the first sc stitch *skip 2 stitches, then work 2 dc's (dc cluster) into the next stitch* repeat between * until the last 3 stitches remain, skip 2 stitches and work 2 dc in last stitch. Turn.

Row 3: You'll be working out of spaces between the dc clusters of the previous row.

Ch 3 then work dc cluster (3 dc's) into 1st space between clusters of previous row. Continue working dc cluster in each space between clusters across the row end with 2 dc in ch 3. Turn.

Continue repeating row 3 until you reach your desired length. This is an excellent pattern to use up your odds and ends you can change colors every row or every few rows or you can complete the afghan all in the same color. This would also be pretty with a variegated or striped yarn.

Afghan 6: Ripple Afghan

This afghan is worked with 2 strands of yarn. They can be the same color or different colors (sometimes a solid color with a complimentary variegated color work well).

Ch 115

Row 1: dc in 4th ch from hook. 1 dc in next 6 chs. *skip 2 chains dc in next 7 chs. Ch 2. 1 dc in nex 7 chs* repeat between * ending last 9 chs with skip 2, 2 dc in next 6 chs, 2 dc in last chain. Turn.

Row 2: ch 3 1 dc in first stitch and 1 dc in next 6 stitches *sk 2 sts. 1 dc in next 7stitches, ch 2 dc in next 7 stitches, repeat between * across, ending last 9 stitches with skip 2 stitches, 1 dc in next 6 stitches and 2 dc in last st. turn.

Repeat row 2 until you reach your desired length. Fasten off yarn and work all loose ends in. Colors can be changed in this afghan at the end of rows as desired but always work with 2 strands of yarn.